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SUBJ: M-16 RIFLES FOR THAILAND

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(B) USDAO/SINGAPORE 040504Z JUL 75

(C) BANGKOK 12756

1. OUR LATEST READING OF KRIANGSAK'S POSITION IS THAT HE INTENDS TO PURCHASE 30,000 M-16'S FROM SINGAPORE AND 30,000 FROM COLT. HE CONFIRMED THIS TO POMILCOUNS AT JULY 4 RECEPTION AT EMBASSY.

2. MARSHAL CHINDA (REF A) IS MISINFORMED IN SEVERAL RESPECTS. NEITHER EMBASSY NOR JUSMAG WAS REPRESENTED AT COLT REP'S MEETING WITH KRIANGSAK JULY 2, AND NEITHER EMBASSY NOR JUSMAG HAS "FAVORED COMPROMISE" OR TAKEN ANY POSITION ON DISPUTE BETWEEN COLT AND CHARTERED INDUSTRIES.

3. OUR CONSISTENT POSITION WITHIN USG HAS BEEN

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COMBINATION OF (A) RECOGNITION OF COLT'S COMMER-

CIAL INTEREST, AND (B) HOPE THAT COLT AND US
WILL EMERGE FROM THIS BUSINESS WITHOUT HAVING
UNNECESSARILY RUFFLED THAI FEATHERS BY APPEARING
TO OBSTRUCT OR RETARD FAST PURCHASE OF NEEDED
WEAPONS.

4. WE WILL MEET WITH COLT'S ROB ROY WHEN HE
COMES TO BANGKOK THIS WEEK, AND WILL DISCUSS ALL
OF THIS WITH HIM.

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